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In re application of : **Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE**  
Masanori TSUJI et al. : **Confirmation No. 2438**  
Serial No. 10/046,081 : [Group Art Unit 1731  
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A MOLDED PRODUCT OF ACTIVATED CARBON  
AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

**SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

It is hereby asserted that Assignee, Japan EnviroChemicals, Ltd., is a small entity and, accordingly, small entity status is asserted for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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